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A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

Our family would like to express our deepest gratitude to every person who walked alongside Earl throughout his journey. Your compassion, professionalism, encouragement, and countless acts of kindness will never be forgotten.

To the physicians, nurses, home health staff, caregivers, therapists, hospice professionals, and everyone who cared for Earl over the years, thank you for treating him with dignity, respect, and genuine compassion. Your dedication brought comfort not only to Earl but to our entire family during some of our most difficult days. We extend our sincere appreciation to: Dr. Shane Higginbotham, MD, Dr. Lewis Porter, MD, Kendra Wilson APRN, Saline Memorial Home Health - Meri Wooley and Trinity Ohms, Modern Care - Dylan Briner, Dr. Ed Costello PA, and the UAMS Infectious Disease Team.

A very special thank you to Dylan Briner for going above and beyond to help our family. Your kindness, willingness to serve, and unwavering support during this journey will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Although no words can fully express our gratitude, please know that every prayer, visit, phone call, act of service, and expression of love has meant more than you could ever imagine. May God richly bless each of you for the care and compassion you showed Earl and our family.

Earl's Favorite Scripture

Psalm 23:4

“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me.”



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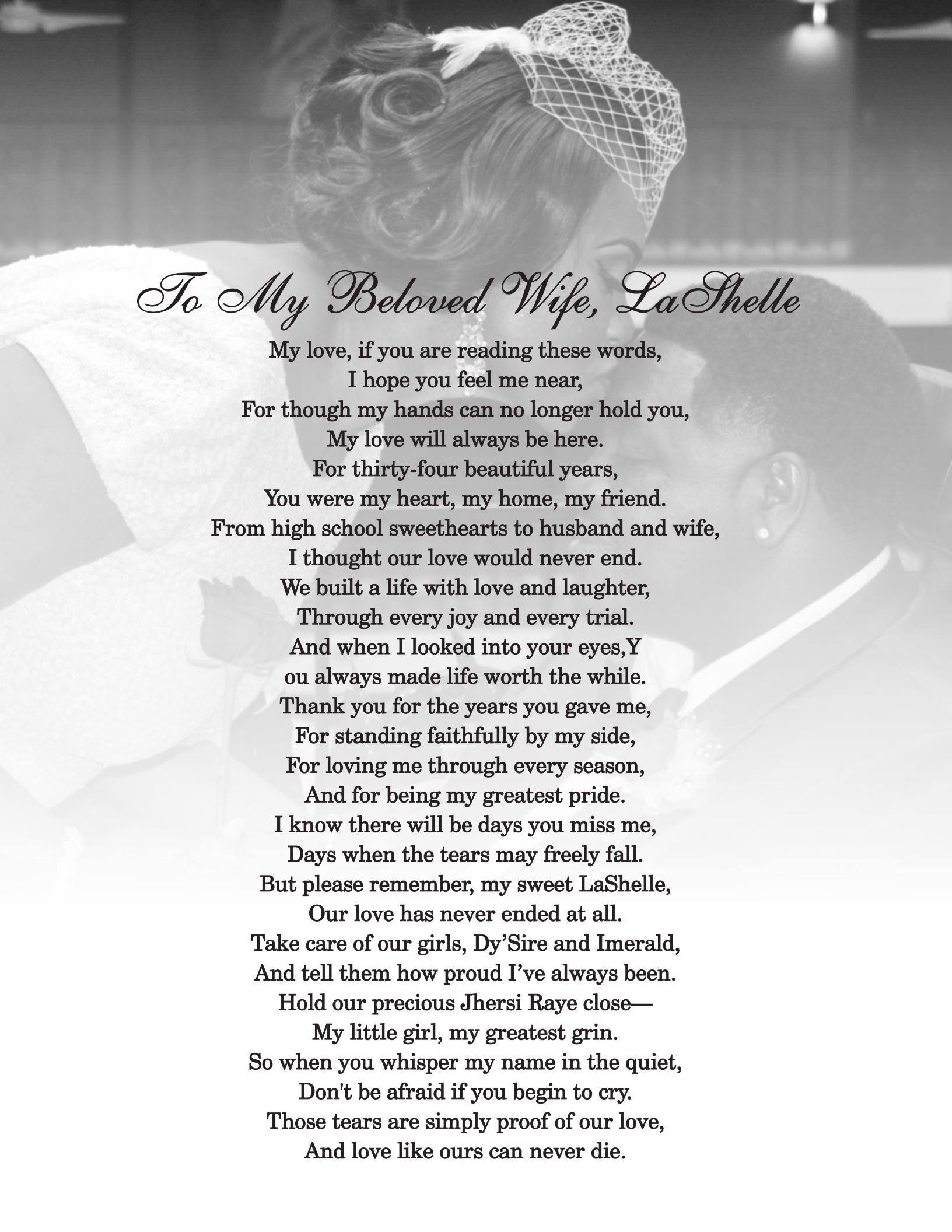


Saturday, August 15, 2026 • 11:00 AM

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

1220 Carmichael Street

Malvern, Arkansas



To My Beloved Wife, LaShelle

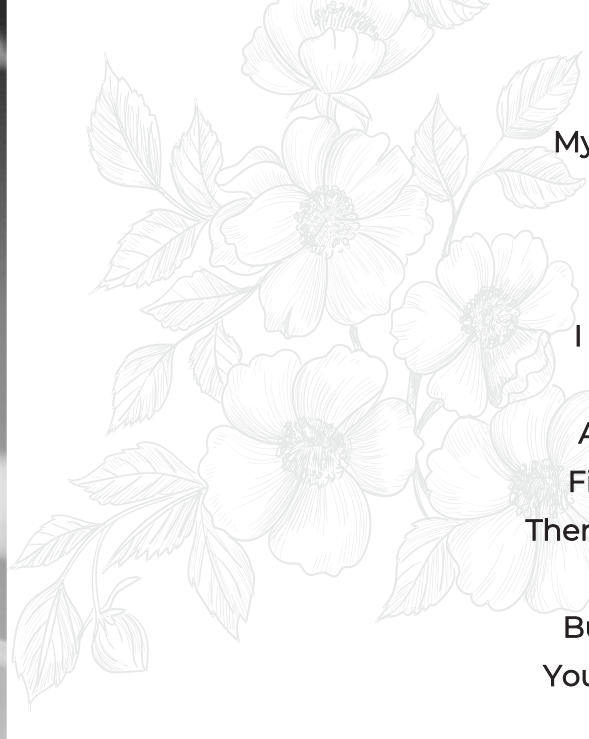
My love, if you are reading these words,
I hope you feel me near,
For though my hands can no longer hold you,
My love will always be here.

For thirty-four beautiful years,
You were my heart, my home, my friend.
From high school sweethearts to husband and wife,
I thought our love would never end.
We built a life with love and laughter,
Through every joy and every trial.
And when I looked into your eyes, You
always made life worth the while.
Thank you for the years you gave me,
For standing faithfully by my side,
For loving me through every season,
And for being my greatest pride.

I know there will be days you miss me,
Days when the tears may freely fall.
But please remember, my sweet LaShelle,
Our love has never ended at all.

Take care of our girls, Dy'Sire and Imerald,
And tell them how proud I've always been.

Hold our precious Jhersi Raye close—
My little girl, my greatest grin.
So when you whisper my name in the quiet,
Don't be afraid if you begin to cry.
Those tears are simply proof of our love,
And love like ours can never die.



My precious girls, if you hear my voice

In the quiet of the night,

Remember that a father's love

Doesn't disappear from sight.

I watched you grow from little girls

Into the women you are today,

And every step along your journey

Filled my heart with pride each day.

There were moments I may not have said

All the things I should have said,

But please know this, my daughters,

You were always in my heart and head.

I was proud of every victory,

And stood with you through every tear.

And even when I couldn't find the words,

My love for you was always near.

And when you miss me, my sweet girls,

Don't let sadness have the final say.

Remember all the laughs we shared

And the memories we made along the way.

When you see a peaceful fishing lake,

Or feel the sunshine on your face,

Think of me and know I'm smiling,

Watching over you with grace.

Take care of one another, girls.

Stand together, hand in hand.

Life is precious, family matters,

And together you will always stand.

Be there for your mother, too.

She'll need your love along the way.

Remind her that the life we built

Is still alive in you each day.

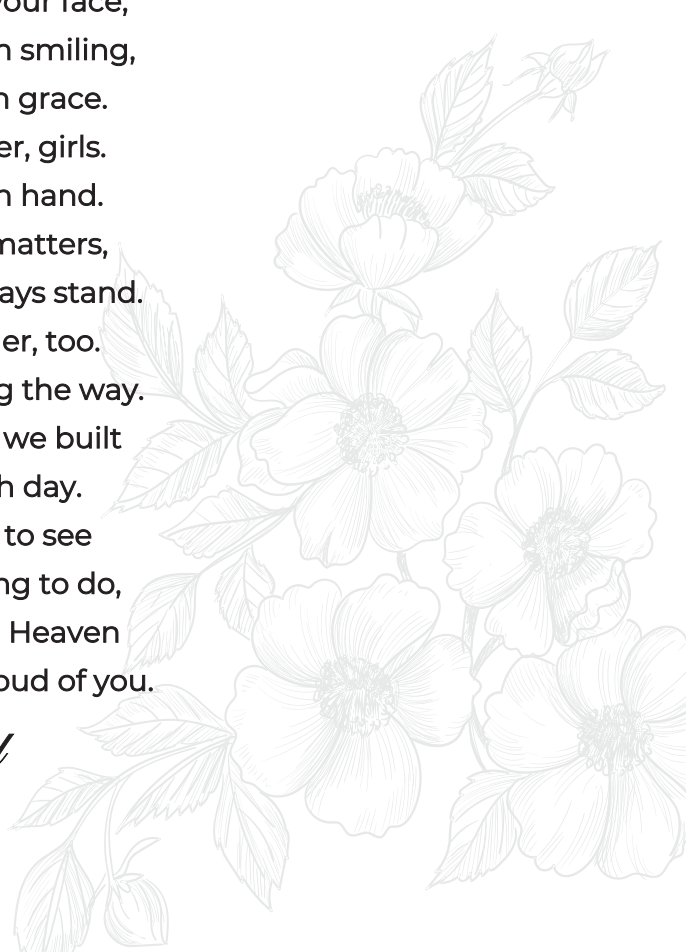
I wish I could be there to see

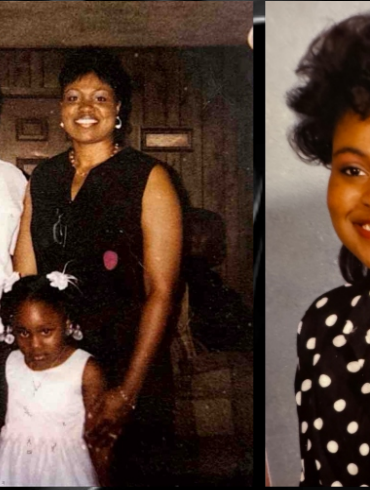
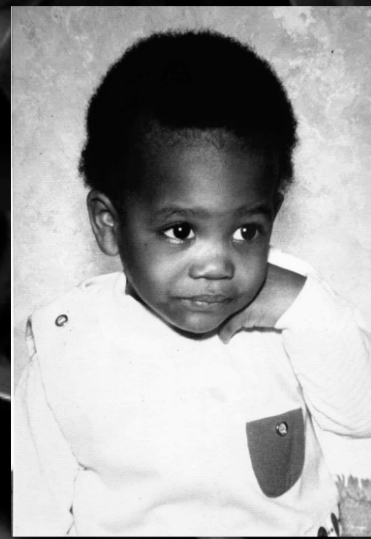
All the things you're going to do,

But I'll be cheering from Heaven

With a father's heart so proud of you.

Love. Dad





The Life and Legacy of Earl Lee Jones, Jr.

Earl Lee Jones Jr., 55, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, godfather, and friend, transitioned on Friday, July 31, 2026, in Little Rock at UAMS, surrounded by love. He was born on October 9, 1970, in Santa Monica, California, to Doris Jean Jones and Earl Lee Jones, Sr.

Earl grew up in Malvern, Arkansas, and graduated from Malvern High School in 1988. Shortly after graduation, he enlisted in the United States Navy. Following his service, Earl spent time in Houston before returning home to Malvern on May 16, 1992.

That same year, Earl married his high school sweetheart, LaShelle, and together they built a strong, loving marriage that spanned 34 beautiful years. He was a devoted husband and a proud father to his two daughters, Dy’Sire E. Jones of Conway, Arkansas, and Imerald S. West of Malvern, Arkansas.

One of the greatest joys in Earl’s life was his precious granddaughter, Jheresi Raye. She stole his heart from the very beginning, and the time they shared was full of laughter, love, and treasured memories. He adored her beyond words.

Earl had a passion for fishing and enjoyed the peacefulness it brought him. He cherished every moment spent with family and friends. His warm spirit, steady presence, and genuine heart made a lasting impact on everyone fortunate enough to know him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Doris Jean Jones and Earl Lee Jones Sr.; maternal grandparents, Horace and Eddie Mae Ollison; paternal grandparents, Clyde and Henrietta Jones, a special uncle, Clyde Jones; and his mentor/father-n-law, Bishop Albert Northcross.

Earl is survived by his loving wife, LaShelle; daughters, Dy’Sire and Imerald; his granddaughter, Jheresi Raye; his siblings, Ronald Jones of Malvern, Arkansas, Brent Shaw-Dena of Rockford, Illinois, Tesa Caldwell-Eric of Atlanta, Georgia, and Rashad Jones of Midland, TX; his aunts, Joann (Kenneth) Abby of Malvern, Arkansas, Sherry (Rick) Reed of Bryant, Arkansas; his sisters-in-law, Donita D. Northcross of Benton, Arkansas and Latoya A. (Adrain) Cooper of Malvern, Arkansas; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and lifelong friends.

He also shared a brotherly bond with Mike Jones, who stood by his side through everything. Whenever Earl needed anything, Mike was there without hesitation.

Earl held a special place in his heart for his loving and supportive mother-in-law, Lady Brenda Northcross, whom he loved as his own mother. Their relationship was filled with mutual respect, deep affection, and unwavering support.

He also leaves behind five godchildren who were dear to him: Eric and Erin Broughton, Sarah Banks, Cedijah C. Peoples and Jahkery Dupree. Earl cherished his role in their lives and loved them deeply.

Earl was blessed to have two special Godmothers who held a meaningful place in his life Jennifer Cook and Thelma Harris.

Earl Lee Jones Jr. will be remembered for his love, loyalty, kindness, and the legacy he leaves in the hearts of all who knew him.

Order of Service

Processional *“Forever Is A Long Time”* (Earl’s Favorite Song)

Musical Selection Angelia Johnson and FBC Choir

Reading of the Scriptures
Old Testament..... Bishop Hiawatha Jordan
Christ Consciousness Awareness Center, Frisco, TX
New Testament Pastor Kenneth Merriman

Prayer of Comfort Superintendent James Sanders
West End Church of God In Christ, Malvern, AR

Acknowledgments and Resolutions

Musical Selection Angelia Johnson and FBC Choir

Tributes
A Childhood Friend Elder Marcus Goodman
Asst. Pastor, True Believers Praise and Worship, San Antonio, TX
Lessons from My Uncle Rashaud Jones
From His Sisters Donitia Northcross and LaToya Cooper
From His Daughters Imerald West and Dy’Sire Jones

Words of Encouragement Bishop C.L. Penix
True Believers Praise and Worship, San Antonio, TX

Musical Selection *“Safe In His Arms”*

Eulogy Pastor C.D. Hart
First Baptist Vine St., Malvern, AR

Special Video Tribute LaShelle Jones

Recessional

